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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)	
Alfred Mueller et al.	)	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner:
Filed: February 2, 2005	)	Confirmation No.:
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR	)	
CLAMPING ROTATIONALLY	)	
SYMMETRICAL BODIES, AND	)	
CONFIGURATION OF THE BODY TO	)	
BE CLAMPED (As Amended)	)	

## FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

German document 966 915 was cited in a (European) Search Report issued with respect to a corresponding foreign application. The (European) Search Report characterized German document 966 915 as an "A" reference, that is technological background.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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claiming Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119

of application No.: 02405676.4

in: Europe

with filing date of: 2002-08-02

U.S. Serial Number:

U.S. filing date:

Title: Method and device for chucking rotationally symmetrical bodies and configuration  
of the bodies to be chucked**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Search Report/Examination Report issued in a corresponding foreign patent application by the

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1. We wish to make of record the certain citations listed in the Search Report/  
Examination Report in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97.2. The relevance of each listed item with regard to the different claims of the above-  
identified application according to the opinion of the Search Authority/Examination  
Authority, is indicated in the Search Report/Examination Reportby reference to certain categories which are explained on the Report sheet  
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3. The claims as filed in the above-identified U.S. patent application

correspond to ☒ (x)

are different from ☐ ( )

the claims for which the Search Report/Examination Report has been established.

4. Copies of the references cited are enclosed herewith.

All citations ☒ (x)

All relevant citations except U.S. patents ☐ ( )

5. English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English references are enclosed herewith, if such translation is readily available.

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Additionally, copies of the references cited in the specification are enclosed. ☒ (x)

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 08.12.2004

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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